Funds to Madras University

754. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds given by the University Grants Commission to Madras University during 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07, respectively for new centres and new area study programmes and grants on a one-time basis respectively;

(b) the demands which have been approved for 2007-08;

(c) whether it is a fact that U.G.C. has not released such grants proportionately to all the Universities in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of steps likely to be taken to allocate funds for universities in that State for 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has not approved any new Area Study Centre to Madras University. Hence, no grant for this purpose has been released to the university during 2004-05 to 2006-07. However, the existing Area Study Centre namely Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies of Madras University has been extended for a period of 5 years from 01.04.2004 to 31.03.2009 with the financial allocation of Rs.17. 70 lakhs for the entire period of 5 years, out of which a grant of Rs.4.71 lakhs has been released during 2004-05. Subsequent installment of grant will be released on receipt of Progress Report of Expenditure and Audited Utilization Certificate, which is awaited.

(c) and (d) Area Study Centres to following universities in Andhra Pradesh has been sanctioned, for a period of 5 years, with allocated/released grants indicated against each.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Centre/University	Amount allocated	Grants released
1.	Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	Rs. 23.00	Rs. 10.40
2.	Centre for SAARC Studies, Andhra University, Waltair, Visakhapatnam	Rs. 8.20	Rs. 4.96
3.	Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad	Rs. 23.00	Rs. 10.40
4.	Centre for India Diaspora, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	Rs. 20.00	Rs. 6.00